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SUBJECT: TRAVELING PRESS REPORTAGE, MAY 21, EVENING

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NEWSPAPERS

LA TIMES - ABRAMSON FROM VIENNA REPORTS END OF HAK/GROMYKO TALKS WITH MAJOR ISSUES UNSETTLED BUT BOTH APPARENTLY ENCOURAGED RATHER THAN DISAPPOINTED. ANNOUNCEMENT THEY WILL MEET AGAIN SHORTLY BROUGHT SPECULATION THE TIMING WOULD BE JULY, WITH U.S. OFFICIALS HOPING FOR SUBSTANTIVE MOVEMENT ON BOTH ME AND SALT. MEETING PRODUCED "ABOUT WHAT HAD BEEN EXPECTED" - AGREEMENT TO WORK TO RECONVENE ME PEACE CONFERENCE, POSITIONS LAID OUT ON NEW ARMS LIMITATION PACT, AND AGREEMENTS ON LESSER ISSUES.

ON ME, U.S. OFFICIALS SAW NO REASON TO SUSPECT RUSSIANS WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH U.S. HAK CONSIDERED IT WRONG TIME FOR FIRM COMMITMENTS BECAUSE OF UPCOMING FORD/SADAT TALKS, BUT HAS COME TO ACCEPT LARGER ROLE FOR SOVS IN ME.

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ON ME PEACE CONFERENCE, U.S. OFFICIALS INSIST ON CAUTION  
BECAUSE OF CONCERN IF CONFERENCE SHOULD FAIL.

"SALT, U.S. OFFICIALS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE OUTSTANDING  
TECHNICAL QUESTIONS ON ARMS CONTROL TREATY CAN BE RESOLVED.  
THERE WAS NO EXPECTATION OF A BREAKTHROUGH ON SALT AT THESE  
MEETINGS. GROMYKO CHARACTERIZED VERIFICATION ISSUE AS  
"A SMALL DETAIL", HOWEVER, U.S. OFFICIALS DISAGREED WITH  
THAT CHARACTERIZATION.

#### WIRES

EARLY AFTERNOON LEADS ALL WIRES REHASH BERLIN SPEECH,  
SAYING BERLIN IS LIVING PROOF U.S. KEEPS ITS WORD TO ITS  
ALLIES AND IS "ACID TEST" FOR EAST-WEST DETENTE. UPI NOTES  
THAT ALL FOREIGN CONSULS GENERAL PRESENT IN HOUSE OF  
DEPUTIES EXCEPT SOVIET UNION. AP INCLUDES SEVERAL QUOTES  
FROM HAK EMOTIONAL ADDRESS TO U.S. EMPLOYEES IN BERLIN.

LATE AFTERNOON UPI, GROWALD FROM ANKARA LEADS WITH SENIOR  
U.S. OFFICIAL INDICATING SOLUTION TO GREEK-TURKISH CONFLICT  
OVER CYPRUS APPEARS TO BE IN MAKING. HE SAID ON PLANE,  
"IN MY OPINION IT'S BEGINNING TO MOVE"; HOWEVER, IT  
WILL TAKE A LONG TIME AND MUCH DIPLOMACY. THE SENIOR  
OFFICIAL SAID FORD WOULD BE TAKING ACTIVE PART IN CYPRUS  
DIPLOMACY WHEN HE MEETS WITH TURKISH AND GREEK PM'S NEXT  
WEEK IN BRUSSELS.

AP, FREED FROM ANKARA LEADS WITH U.S. EXPECTATION THAT  
SOVS WILL BACK AWAY FROM INSISTENCE ON DIRECT PLO PARTI-  
CIPATION IN ME PEACE CONFERENCE, BECAUSE THEY WANT CONFER-  
ENCE TO BE HELD. HAK DID NOT GET ANY DIRECT INDICATION  
OF AN EASED SOVIET POSITION DURING HIS TALKS WITH GROMYKO;  
HIS ASSESSMENT BASED ON IMPRESSIONS AND LOGIC OF THE  
SITUATION.

LATE AFTERNOON REUTERS LEAD FROM ANKARA FILEDBY ALAN COWELL.  
HE REPORTS HAK WILL RESUME EFFORTS TOWARD CYPRUS SETTLEMENT  
AND WANTS TO REAFFIRM U.S. WILL "STAND BY ITS FRIENDS  
IN FORCEFUL AND UNDERSTANDING MANNER."  
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#### NETWORKS

1. ABC NIGHTLY NEWS - HOWARD K. SMITH: "SECRETARY OF  
STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID TODAY IN WEST BERLIN THAT  
BERLIN IS THE ACID TEST FOR EAST-WEST RELATIONS. ONLY IF  
BERLIN FLOURISHES WILL DETENTE FLOURISH, HE SAID. THEN  
THE SECRETARY FLEW ON TO TURKEY TO REVIEW TURKISH-AMERICAN

RELATIONS AND THE CYPRUS SITUATION.

SYRIA AND ISRAEL HAVE AGREED TO EXTEND THE MANDATE OF THE UN OBSERVER FORCE IN THE MIDEAST FOR SIX MONTHS, UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER. UN SOURCES BELIEVE SYRIA'S AGREEMENT STEMS FROM THE FRIENDLY TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN VIENNA THIS WEEK."

2. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS - CHANCELLOR: SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SPENT PART OF THE DAY TODAY IN WEST BERLIN BEFORE FLYING ON TO TURKEY. IN BERLIN, HE TOLD THE CITY'S PARLIAMENT THAT THE U.S. STANDS SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER WITH THAT CITY AS IT HAS FOR 30 YEARS AND HE ALSO SAW BERLIN AS AN IMPORTANT TEST FOR DETENTE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

VALERIANI: KISSINGER WENT FIRST TO THE U.S. MILITARY HEAD-QUARTERS WHERE HE WAS GREETED WITH MILITARY HONORS. THIS VISIT WAS CONCEIVED AS A CEREMONIAL EVENT WHEN IT WAS LAID ON SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, BUT BY ACCIDENT IT CAME AT A TIME WHEN THE RUSSIANS FOR UNEXPLAINED REASONS ARE CHALLENGING PART OF THE 1971 AGREEMENT ON BERLIN. AGAINST THAT BACKGROUND, KISSINGER'S SPEECH TO CITY HALL AMOUNTED TO A RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIANS.

KISSINGER: IN A NEW ERA OF EASED CONFRONTATION IN EUROPE, THE FATE OF BERLIN WILL DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF THE EFFORTS TO INSURE SECURITY THROUGH NEGOTIATION AND COOPERATION. AS BERLIN WAS THE GREATEST SYMBOL OF THE HEROISM OF THE IMMEDIATE POSTWAR PERIOD, IT IS ALSO THE ACID TEST OF THE PERIOD WE NOW HOPE TO ENTER.

VALERIANI: SURROUNDED BY EXTRA-TIGHT SECURITY, KISSINGER STAYED FOR LUNCH, BUT DID NOT MAKE THE RITUAL TRIP TO THE UNCLASSIFIED

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BERLIN WALL, APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF THREATS OF VIOLENCE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE BEGINNING OF A TRIAL OF SOME EXTREME LEFT-WING TERRORISTS. TOP-RANKING U.S. OFFICIALS COME TO BERLIN TO REAFFIRM THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO THIS CITY PERIODICALLY, BECAUSE THE GERMANS LIKE TO HAVE THAT REASSURANCE. BUT IN THE WAKE OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, KISSINGER'S MESSAGE TODAY WAS MEANT FOR A MUCH WIDER AUDIENCE.

3. CBS NIGHTLY NEWS - CRONKITE: SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER TRAVELED TO WEST BERLIN TODAY, AND THIS IN SPITE OF COMPLAINTS BY THE SOVIETS WHO SAID A TRIP TO THAT CITY, WHICH THEY CALLED A SYMBOL OF THE COLD WAR, COULD PUT A DAMPER ON DETENTE. HAK, HOWEVER, SAID WEST BERLIN IS THE BEST SYMBOL OF U.S. DETERMINATION TO PROTECT RIGHTS OF ITS

ALLIES.

KISSINGER: THE SECURITY OF WEST BERLIN REMAINS A VITAL  
INTEREST OF THE U.S. FOR US, MUCH MORE IS AT STAKE HERE  
THAN THE SECURITY OF A CITY. TO US, YOU SYMBOLIZE MAN'S  
UNQUENCHABLE YEARNING FOR FREEDOM; YOU REPRESENT THE  
CAPACITY OF DEMOCRACY TO SUMMON THE STRENGTH TO DEFEND  
ITS VALUES. INGERSOLL

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